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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. Per instructions of [REDACTED] I arrived at the Dirksen Building at 0900, 25 July 1975. [REDACTED] Legal Counsel, met me and accompanied me to the offices of the Staff of the Senate Committee Investigating Intelligence. Mr. Rick Inderfurth and two of his colleagues [REDACTED] (has their names) escorted us to the office of Senator Church, where the interview took place. After a delay of 45 minutes, Senator Hart arrived and administered the testifying oath to me.

2. Prior to Senator Hart's arrival, [REDACTED] discussed my use of the alias [REDACTED]. I had originally introduced myself to Mr. Inderfurth and his two colleagues as [REDACTED]. It was decided that I sign a paper in true name indicating I was testifying in alias, namely [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] witnessed the signature and sealed the paper in an envelope, and marked it exhibit "one". [REDACTED] retained the envelope.

3. Senator Hart departed immediately after administering the oath. At the initiation of the questioning, present were Mr. Inderfurth, his two colleagues, Messrs. Burton Wides, James DiMarco and one male testimony recorder. Prior to the departure of the Senator, Mr. Wides requested the Senator administer me an additional oath which was to cover the questioning by Mr. Wides and Mr. DiMarco.

4. Mr. Inderfurth and his two colleagues questioned me regarding my mission to Chile in October 1970. I was asked the following, which I considered the most important:

a. Where I was prior to going to Chile, who and what instructions were given me when I went to Chile. To these I answered: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], I went to Washington and spoke with Mr. Thomas Karumesines and Mr. Dave Phillips; I was given a file to read on the Chilean situation; my only instructions were concerning contact with [REDACTED]

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Agency personnel in Chile. (I felt that they did not believe that I had not been given specific instructions in Washington concerning what I was supposed to do in Chile. [REDACTED] and Mr. Inderfurth exchanged words on this matter I believe.)

b. They asked who of the Agency I met in Chile and asked specifically of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I replied that I met my station contact [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I also met [REDACTED] and had a drink with him; I did not see [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] (NOTE: [REDACTED] arranged for the last name of [REDACTED] to be removed from the testimony.)

c. They asked me who the Chileans were that I met and what was discussed. I stated that my Station Contact informed me that [REDACTED] had been identified by his Chilean contact and I was to replace [REDACTED]. The Station Contact gave me contact instructions. The Station contact also briefed me on the contact and what had transpired. I met a Chilean, whose name I did not recall and was taken by this Chilean to meet another Chilean with whom I remained in contact. I stated that I believed the second Chilean was still of interest to the Agency and declined to give his name, deferring it to the Agency. I stated that these were the only Chileans that I had met in Chile.

d. They asked me if I had met Generals Valenzuela and Viaux and other Chileans (whose names I do not recall as I write this.) I replied that I had not. They gave me a list of names of individuals who had been tried for the assassination of General Rene Schneider. I replied I had never met any of them. (I was given the list twice and asked if I knew any of them. I replied that I did not know any of them.)

e. They asked what I had discussed with the Chilean with whom I maintained contact. I replied that my role was solely as a cut-out. I received info from the Chilean and passed it to my Station contact and vice versa. The Chilean asked me about weapons, tear gas and insurance policies which he had previously discussed with his previous contact. I stated that I had met with this Chilean 5 or 6 times -- to the best of my recollection -- and that I prepared a written report on all these meetings which I passed to my Station contact.

f. They asked if the Chilean and I only discussed the kidnapping of General Schneider. I answered that the Chilean discussed the military coup which the Viaux group was planning and that his group had the backing of the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The Chilean said they were planning to kidnap Schneider and were going to take Schneider [REDACTED] and that his group had high admiration for Schneider. I stated that at the next to last meeting, the Chilean said they were going to go through with the kidnapping within 48 hours whether or not we furnished them the weapons and tear gas. I passed this information to my Station contact and within hours my Station contact told me to tell them that "we" did not believe their attempted coup would be successful, that they would not be supported by the [REDACTED] or the [REDACTED] and that "we" recommended that they not kidnap General Schneider. The Chilean said they were going through with it. I reported this to my Station contact. Several hours later, my Station contact instructed me to leave the country. I was asked if my Chilean contact mentioned that they had a group of [REDACTED] who would assist them in their attempt

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to kidnap General Schneider. I replied that the Chilean had mentioned [REDACTED] willing to assist them in the coup plot but I did not recall if the Chilean mentioned they were to be used in the kidnap attempt. I was asked if the [REDACTED] were in Chile. I replied that I did not recall if the Chilean told me where they were.

g. I was asked how I went into and left Chile. [REDACTED]

h. They asked for specific dates which I could not recall. They asked if I was in Santiago on 19 October when the first kidnapping attempt was aborted. I replied that I did not recall an aborted kidnapping attempt. I stated that I was not in Santiago when I learned of the kidnapping attempt and death of General Schneider and that I recall reading of this when I was in [REDACTED]

i. They asked if I was debriefed when I returned to Washington. I replied that I was not debriefed. They remarked that this was strange and I stated that everything

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I had done in Chile had been reported by me at the time and there was no need to be debriefed nor was there a need for me to write up my activities since my reports had been cabled to Washington. I told them that Mr. Phillips requested that I review the cable traffic and asked that I make corrections if the cables did not coincide with what I had written in my reports in Chile. When asked if I made many corrections, I replied that I had made a few only, to the best of my recollection.

5. Mr. Inderfurth, his two colleagues and [REDACTED] left after Mr. Inderfurth again apologized to me for what [REDACTED] considered badgering on Mr. Inderfurth's part (see paragraph 4, subpara. 2 above). I wish to point out that although Mr. Wides was supposed to meet me to question me regarding [REDACTED] he put several questions to me on Chile.

6. After the four previous paragraphs mentioned persons left the room, we had a very short break. Besides myself, there remained in the room Mr. Wides, Mr. DiMarco and the male testimony recorder (who cassette taped and voice stenographed both the Chilean [REDACTED] interrogations.)

7. Mr. Wides, off the record, explained the area of his interest to be questioned and reminded me that I was still under oath.
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10. The interrogation terminated at 1240. Mr. DiMarco did not extend his hand. Mr. Wides accompanied me to the street to catch a cab. Mr. Wides thanked me for my patience and the time spent with them.

11. I was specifically asked, and I do not recall which one of the two questioning periods, whether I had reviewed files, spoke to anyone, or discussed this proceeding with anyone prior to my appearance. I was also specifically asked the time, the date, and by whom I was informed of my pending appearance, which information I furnished them.

[REDACTED]